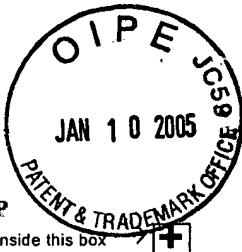


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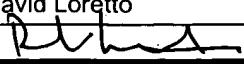
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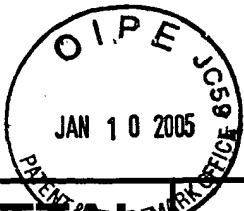
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
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| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
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| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
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| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,300 | 2453 650 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1503 630 | 2503 315 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
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| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 770 | 2809 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
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| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |
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